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My dear Mr. President:

In view of the impending visit of the Prime Minister of Canada, I wish to inform you that at the last meeting of the Board, the Chairman of the Canadian Section made a strong plea on behalf of his Government that the Board reaffirm its position, taken in 1948 and 1951, that completion of the St. Lawrence waterway and power projects had a direct bearing on the defense of North America. I assured General McNaughton, Canadian Chairman, that this view, summarized in the attached memorandum, would be brought to the attention of United States authorities.

Sincerely yours,


Guy W. Henry
Major General, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Chairman, U. S. Section



Enclosure:

Memorandum

The President,

The White House.